

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3096 - SB 3270

March 4, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to re-examine every natural area that has been protected by natural area designation for a period of 20 years or more, commencing from July 1, 2004, backward, to ensure that such area continues to meet the scenic, scientific and recreational value criteria for natural area designation and to ensure that the special characteristics of such area that were the basis for the original designation continue to exist.
- Provides in the event that the special characteristics that were the basis of a natural area's original designation have changed to the detriment for natural area designation, the Department of Environment and Conservation shall submit changes to the General Assembly that could potentially require either department or legislative action for reconsideration of the natural area's designation during the year following the completion of the review.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

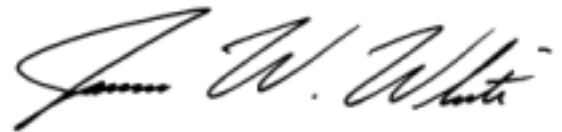
**Increase State Expenditures - \$50,000 Recurring
\$3,600 One-Time**

Estimate assumes:

- an increase in state expenditures for one position to evaluate the 29 state natural areas.
- a one-time increase of \$3,600 for equipment.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director